

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application and the International Preliminary Examination Report:

1. (currently amended) A method of providing a pause function for a broadcast program in a multi-client network, the method comprising:
allocating predetermined storage limits in a storage device for a plurality of clients on the network;
displaying ~~(54)~~ a broadcast program to a client;
receiving ~~(56)~~ a pause request from the client;
determining ~~(58)~~ if the client's stored broadcast programming has reached the client's predetermined storage limit;
pausing ~~(60)~~ the display of the broadcast program if the client's stored broadcast programming has not reached the client's predetermined storage limit;
storing ~~(60)~~ the broadcast program in the storage device while the display of the broadcast program is paused; and
displaying ~~(64)~~ the stored broadcast program if the client's stored broadcast programming has reached the client's predetermined storage limit.
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:
receiving a play request from the client; and
displaying ~~(64)~~ the stored broadcast program to the client.
3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of allocating predetermined storage limits for the plurality of clients includes allocating identical storage limits for the plurality of clients.
4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of allocating predetermined storage limits for the plurality of clients includes allocating different storage limits for some of the plurality of clients.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:
- receiving a rewind request from the client; and
 - permitting the client to rewind through the stored broadcast program if the client's stored broadcast programming has not reached the client's predetermined storage limit.
6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of displaying the stored broadcast programming includes:
- receiving a fast forward request from the client;
 - fast forwarding through the stored broadcast programming; and
 - permitting the client to pause the display of the program until the client's predetermined storage limit is again reached.
7. (currently amended) A system for providing a pause function for a broadcast program in a multi-client network, the system comprising:
- means ~~(30)~~ for allocating predetermined storage limits in a storage device ~~(32)~~ for a plurality of clients on the network;
 - means ~~(12, 36, 44)~~ for displaying a broadcast program to a client;
 - means ~~(44)~~ for receiving a pause request from the client;
 - means ~~(12, 30)~~ for determining if the client's stored broadcast programming has reached the client's predetermined storage limit;
 - means ~~(12)~~ for pausing the display of the broadcast program if the client's stored broadcast programming has not reached the client's predetermined storage limit;
 - means ~~(30)~~ for storing the broadcast program in the storage device ~~(32)~~ while the display of the broadcast program is paused; and
 - means ~~(30, 36, 44)~~ for displaying the stored broadcast program if the client's stored broadcast programming has reached the client's predetermined storage limit.

8. (currently amended) The system of claim 7, further comprising:
means ~~(44)~~ for receiving a play request from the client; and
means ~~(30, 36, 44)~~ for displaying the stored broadcast program to the client.
9. (currently amended) The system of claim 7 wherein means ~~(30)~~ for allocating predetermined storage limits for the plurality of clients includes means for allocating identical storage limits for the plurality of clients.
10. (currently amended) The system of claim 7 wherein the means ~~(30)~~ for allocating predetermined storage limits for the plurality of clients includes means for allocating different storage limits for some of the plurality of clients.
11. (currently amended) The system of claim 7, further comprising:
means ~~(44)~~ for receiving a rewind request from the client; and
means ~~(30)~~ for permitting the client to rewind through the stored broadcast program if the client's stored broadcast programming has not reached the client's predetermined storage limit.
12. (currently amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the means ~~(30, 36, 44)~~ for displaying the stored broadcast programming includes:
means ~~(44)~~ for receiving a fast forward request from the client;
means ~~(30)~~ for fast forwarding through the stored broadcast programming; and
means ~~(30)~~ for permitting the client to pause the display of the program until the client's predetermined storage limit is again reached.